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1. TREASURY ANNOUNCED ON MAY 6, 1977 NEW INTERIM PROCEDURES GOVERNING IMPORT OF FERROCHROME AND STEEL CONTAINING CHROME INTO THE UNITED STATES. THESE PROCEDURES WILL BE IN FORCE UNTIL JUNE 18. THIS IS INTENDED TO MINIMIZE DISRUPTION OF TRADE WHILE OUR TRADING PARTNERS NEGOTIATE CERTIFICATION AGREEMENTS WITH US BETWEEN NOW AND JUNE 18. SPECIFIC GUIDELINES ARE CONTAINED IN THE TEXT OF TREASURY'S PRESS RELEASE WHICH FOLLOWS.

BEGIN TEXT:

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY ANNOUNCED TODAY A TEMPORARY PROCEDURE THAT WILL GOVERN IMPORTS FROM SPECIALTY STEEL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES OF CERTAIN FERROCHROME AND SPECIALTY STEEL PRODUCTS TO THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE RHODESIAN SANCTIONS REGULATIONS AS AMENDED PURSUANT TO THE RECENT CONGRESSIONAL ACTION PROHIBITING IMPORTATION OF RHODESIAN CHROME.

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THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN DISCUSSING CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES WITH THE SPECIALTY STEEL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES

UNDER WHICH THESE COUNTRIES WILL ISSUE SPECIAL CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN. THE TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT WILL BE EFFECTIVE UNTIL JUNE 18, 1977, TO ENABLE NECESSARY FOREIGN ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES FOR ISSUANCE OF THE SPECIAL CERTIFICATES TO GO FORWARD. THE INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS ARE INTENDED TO PREVENT DISRUPTION OF TRADE PENDING CONCLUSION OF THESE SPECIAL CERTIFICATION AGREEMENTS.

THE TEMPORARY PROCEDURES WILL PERMIT THE ENTRY ON OR BEFORE JUNE 18, 1977 OF CERTAIN FERROCHROME AND SPECIALTY STEEL MILL PRODUCTS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS IF: (1) THE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL RECEIVES A CERTIFICATE FROM THE PRODUCER THAT THE PRODUCTS WERE IN SHIPMENT OR IN INVENTORY FOR SHIPMENT TO THE UNITED STATES ON MARCH 18; OR (2) THE PRODUCING COUNTRY CERTIFIES

TO THE DIRECTOR THAT UNDER ITS LAWS ENFORCING THE UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA, THE PRODUCTS DO NOT CONTAIN CHROMIUM OF RHODESIAN ORIGIN. END TEXT.

FYI: THE U.S. WILL STILL REQUIRE LAB TESTS ON U.S. IMPORTS OF FERROCHROME AND ORE FROM SOUTH AFRICA. CHRISTOPHER

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